

Families First in Numbers
Updated Information from April 2005

Current number of Assistance Groups: 71,096

Current number of adults: 54,218

Current number of children: 134,314

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,238

Closures in December:

total closures: 4,318

closures for 18 month time limits: 190

closures for sanctions: 947 (ask Kerry)

work-related sanctions: 872

other sanctions: 75

closures for employment: 1,075

Time limit closures since Families First started: 11,166

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 10,837

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$661.57

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.13

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.